

TRAFFIC TICKETS

PARKING TICKETS

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Traffic citation (ticket) payments may be made by mail, drop box or in person at any Pinellas County Clerk's office location. Payments may also be made online and via phone by calling (727) 464-4846. Amscot Financial also accepts payments for Pinellas County traffic tickets.

KEN BURKE, CPA
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
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PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA

To Pay A Traffic Ticket

Traffic tickets must be paid within 30 calendar days from the date of issue, or your driver's license will be suspended.

Tickets must be satisfied in the county in which they were issued. For example, you may not pay a Hillsborough County ticket in Pinellas County.

You may make a payment for any non-criminal, non-delinquent traffic ticket via the Clerk's 24-hour automated hotline, (727) 464-4846, or the website, www.mypinellasclerk.org, using your Mastercard, VISA, American Express or Discover credit card. You will be charged a convenience fee by the vendor to use either of these methods of payment. You may also pay in person, or via the drop box using cash, check or money order at any Clerk's office location. Additionally, Amscot Financial accepts cash only payments for Pinellas County traffic tickets for a service fee.

Options

Traffic tickets that are civil infractions may be satisfied in one of several ways:

- Pay the fine.
- Elect to take a defensive driving course, pay the fine and submit the course completion certificate to the Pinellas County Clerk of Court.
- Enter a plea of not guilty and receive a court date.
- For safety equipment violations which have been corrected, have your vehicle inspected by law enforcement, submit an Affidavit of Compliance and pay the fine.
- For driver's license, registration, or insurance violations, provide proof of compliance that was valid at the time the ticket was issued, and pay the required dismissal fee to have the ticket dismissed.

To Enter A Plea Of Not Guilty

Notify the Clerk's office **in writing** or **in person** by signing a not guilty plea form within 30 calendar days from date of issue. A court date will be scheduled and you will be informed of when and where to appear.

The ticket-issuing officer and any of his/her witnesses plus any of your witnesses may be present at the hearing.

If You Live Outside Of Pinellas County

Complete an Affidavit of Defense and file it with the Pinellas County Clerk's office. The affidavit will be reviewed and ruled on by the court.

If The Court Finds You Guilty

If the court finds you guilty of a civil traffic infraction, it may assess fines and costs, order you to attend driving school or impose other penalties. If you fail to complete court-ordered payments or penalties within the allotted time, your driver's license will be suspended and additional penalties will be imposed.

To Reinstate A Suspended Driver's License

If your license is suspended for failure to pay a civil infraction or comply with any court disposition, you may pay the fine amount plus the assessed delinquent fee and a reinstatement fee. The Clerk's office can assist you with reinstating your license.

PLEASE NOTE: Clerks CANNOT advise you of the number of points you have on your license. You MUST address these concerns with the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV).

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To Pay A Parking Ticket

Parking tickets must be paid or a not guilty plea entered within 15 calendar days from the date the ticket was issued. Fine amounts vary as they are set by each municipality and/or by county ordinances.

Parking violations do not affect your driver's license. However, if you have three or more unpaid parking tickets or one unpaid handicap parking ticket, you may be prevented from renewing your vehicle registration.

You may pay parking tickets that were issued by cities other than those listed below by visiting the Clerk's website, mailing in the envelope provided or by contacting the city that issued the ticket.

PLEASE NOTE: Parking tickets issued by the cities of Belleair, Clearwater, Indian Shores, Madeira Beach, Pinellas Park, Redington Shores, St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg Beach and/or Tarpon Springs **MUST BE PAID TO THE ISSUING MUNICIPALITY.** The Clerk's office cannot accept payment of parking tickets issued by any of these municipalities.

For more information, please call the Traffic Department at (727) 464-7000 or visit www.mypinellasclerk.org.

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Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to use the services provided should call (727) 464-4062 (TDD or Voice). Call 24 hours prior to coming to the courthouse.

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